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I should like to refer to Security Council resolutions 836 and 844 (1993) and my report S/25939 of 14 June 1993.

Since the adoption of resolution 836 on 4 June 1993, I have received a number of offers in terms of both troops and equipment for the implementation of the resolution.

I have carefully considered the offers made, and, taking into account operational criteria, readiness for deployment and type of specialized skills and services needed, I have decided to pursue the offers made by France, Jordan, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Pakistan. Moreover, talks are continuing with some of the Nordic countries on their possible participation. It is my hope that these talks will come to a speedy conclusion.

As you know, France, Jordan and the Netherlands are already contributing troops to the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). Subject to the concurrence of the Council, I shall inform Malaysia and Pakistan that their offers have been accepted.

The offers mentioned above together with a possible Nordic contribution would be sufficient to meet the additional requirement of 7,600 troops authorized by the Council in its resolution 844 (1993). It should be noted, however, that I am in the process of finalizing agreements with a number of other countries with regard to some of the more specialized units mentioned in my report. I shall inform the Council of these additional contributions as soon as confirmation has been obtained.

I should like to avail myself of this opportunity to express my appreciation to those countries whose generous offers could not be considered in this instance.

With respect to the use of air power referred to in paragraph 10 of resolution 836 (1993), I have been informed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that aircraft of its Member States are operational and deployed. The related arrangements on the ground are progressing rapidly and will be finalized in the very near future.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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